

University of Montana

ScholarWorks at University of Montana

University of Montana News Releases, 1928,
1956-present

University Relations

12-4-1995

Berkeley Pit watchdog to speak at UM

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases>

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations, "Berkeley Pit watchdog to speak at UM" (1995). *University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present*. 13924.
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases/13924>

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.

The University of Montana

NEWS RELEASE

University Communications
Missoula, MT 59812
(406) 243-2522

This release is available electronically on INN (News Net).

Dec. 4, 1995

BERKELEY PIT WATCHDOG TO SPEAK AT UM

MISSOULA --

A Butte educator and former state representative well-versed in the environmental issues surrounding the degradation of Butte's Berkeley Pit will share his views in a public lecture Friday, Dec. 8, at The University of Montana.

Fred "Fritz" Daily will discuss "Berkeley Pit: Environmental Countdown" as guest speaker in a Montana history class starting at noon in the Music Recital Hall.

History Professor Harry Fritz, who teaches the class, said Daily monitors the pit only as an avocation and yet has kept closer tabs than anyone in Montana on the situation there.

"He's been one of the most vocal critics of the EPA for not doing anything about it," Fritz said. "And every year his view gets a little more apocalyptic because the water is rising."

When the water reaches the "alluvial bedrock interface," Fritz explained, it will begin polluting the groundwater.

"It's potentially the biggest environmental disaster in America," he said. "It will make Love Canal look like a picnic ground."

UM's Center for the Rocky Mountain West is sponsoring Daily's talk as part of its Works in Progress lecture series.

###

Contacts: History Professor Harry Fritz, 243-2993; Center for the Rocky Mountain West Director Bill Farr, 243-2978; administrative aide Celeste River, 243-5943.

TB
Local
Daily.rl